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CRAFT FROZEN IN AT BONNE BAY

Gloucester Fleet Escaped the Ice With Exception of Sch. Essex.

Treaty Coast Herring Fishery Has Very Poor Outlook.

The treaty coast herring fishery has a very murky look this morning, for telegrams received during the forenoon indicate that as the season draws to an end the situation grows worse. Sch. Essex is frozen in tight at Bonne Bay, and is good for an all winter stay there and will probably come out when the ice breaks up late next spring. The whole bay is frozen up and there are no herring there. All the other vessels of the American fleet which were there succeeded in getting out except the Essex.

At Bay of Islands there are no herring in the North and Middle Arms, what few there are in the Humber. There is no ice at Anticosti, on either side of the island, so it may be that Bay of Islands will not be closed for some time yet by gulf ice, although ice in the Humber and Middle Arms may come any time.

So discouraging is the whole outlook that one vessel at least has sailed for home in ballast, with not a herring, while others are coming with part cargoes.

Recent letter advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., state that on last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, there were a few herring in the Humber and schs. Veda M. McKown, Alert and Saladin, all gasliners, were on the ground. The herring taken at that time were frozen and each of the above crafts had a forehold full or better, by Friday.

Reports from the other Arms on Thursday evening were to the effect that no herring had been taken there the past week. The body of herring are said to be off Green Island and other points near, where at this season of the year it is dangerous to set nets. The weather for the past ten days has been very changeable, with two spells of cold weather, two rain storms and three snow storms. On Friday the wind was light from northwest accompanied by a heavy fall of snow.

Fishery Over for the Season at Bonne Bay.

Advices last night confirm the report that Bonne Bay is frozen up and the fishing over for the season there. There are but few herring being taken at Bay of Islands anywhere, the best prospects being in the Humber where

some are being caught and where most of the fleet is at present.

Thus far 32 vessels have arrived home with fares, 29 being from first trip, while four of these have made second trips. Of these home, 19 have come from Bonne Bay and 14 from Bay of Islands. Four vessels have brought frozen herring fares and 29 had salt herring cargoes.

Herring Vessels Yet to Arrive.

The 51 crafts yet to arrive are schs. James A. Garfield, Saladin, S. P. Willard, Oregon, Rob Roy, Ralph L. Hall, Alert, Indiana, Sylvania, Miranda, Annie M. Parker, Fannie A. Smith, Essex, Avalon, Constellation, Ella M. Goodwin, Lena and Maud, Dauntless, Clintonia, Norma, Arethusa, Aloha, Athlete, Arkona, Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Gardner, Tattler, Gossip, J. J. Flaherty, Judique, Jennie B. Hodgdon, John R. Bradley, Veda M. McKown, Priscilla Smith, Lucinda I. Lowell, Gladiator, Alice R. Lawson, Maxine Elliott, Arcadia, Bohemia, Monarch, Olga, Ramona, Meteor, Massachusetts, Premier and Effie M. Prior of this port, Lizzie Griffin of Bangor, Maine; Hiram Lowell and William Matheson of Bucksport, Maine and Thomas A. Cromwell of Boston.

Of the above list schs. Miranda, Fannie A. Smith, Arethusa, J. J. Flaherty, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Arcadia were on the way home Sunday.

The Miranda, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Arcadia have salt herring. Sch. Fannie A. Smith has frozen herring and schs. J. J. Flaherty and Arethusa have part each of salt and frozen herring.

Sch. Avalon, William Matheson, Hiram Lowell are reported nearly ready to sail and the latter two may be on the way by this time.

Higher Herring Prices Urged.

The Western Star says:

"In last Wednesday's issue the Star advocated a higher price for herring. The general price then was \$1.25, although higher prices had previously been paid. On Thursday the price went up to \$2.00 per barrel from the nets in Middle Arm and this week \$2.40 per barrel are being paid in the Humber Arm.

"At Bonne Bay a dollar per basket is being paid for frozen herring, which is equal to \$500 per barrel. Frost is scarce, and it is therefore difficult to cure cargoes."

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BIG HADDOCK FARES LANDED.

SCH. LIZZIE M. STANLEY CAUGHT 85,000 POUNDS IN FIVE DAYS' TRIP.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, came in here yesterday afternoon with a big fare, 85,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock. The craft had been out only five days, so her fish were brand new and caught in double quick time.

Capt. Stanley brought his craft here with her previous trip, and as he is a keen seller and good judge of the market, it is evident that Gloucester is an all right place to sell fresh fish fares even though many do not appear to think so. On both trips the Stanley fared as well as the best at T wharf and better than most of them up there.

This morning the new sch. Valerie, Capt. Albert Larkin, arrived here from her maiden trip, christened in good shape with a fine fare of 85,000 pounds of fresh fish, most all haddock, from the southwest part of Georges. The new craft sailed from here last Wednesday, so Capt. Larkin secured his fare in jig time.

Both captain and crew like the new craft very much and opine that she will be a fine all-around vessel.

During the night sch. Georgie Campbell arrived from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a full load of salt herring.

Several of the market boats which took out at T wharf during yesterday came down during the afternoon and evening.

Another arrival during the night was sch. Preceptor, Capt. John McKay, via Portland, with a few thousand pounds of salt cod. At the Maine port the schooner landed the fine catch of 20,000 pounds of halibut, getting 15 cents per pound for white and 12 cents for gray.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, one of the Georges handline fleet, arrived this morning with a good fare, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Georges, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Valerie, Georges, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, handlining, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, via Portland, 3000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 75 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 5000 haddock, 7500 cod, 3500 pollock.
Sch. Viking, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Leo, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Valentina, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 4000 haddock, 1900 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Harriet, 6000 haddock, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Buema, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 6000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Metamora, 900 haddock, 700 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock, 900 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 3000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Genesta, 9000 haddock, 700 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Athena, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. On Time, 3500 cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 hake.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$5; pollock, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3.

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CANNERS PAID GOOD PRICES.

DESPITE LARGE RECEIPTS AT T WHARF FISHERMEN DID WELL TODAY.

Yesterday there were 12 off-shore vessels at T wharf and today there are 13 more, what is the record for the arrivals of the big fellows in one or two successive days thus far this season. They brought a lot of fish, so many that the market could not take care of them all, quite a number of big fares, the fish all being brand new, too went to the smokers and cannery at \$2 and \$2.15 per hundred weight.

Those which sold to the market brought \$2.25, but with the wharf expenses this was no better than the cannery \$2.15 price. Just compare this smoking and canning prices and think that not too many years ago, \$1.60 was the highest figure that off-shore haddock brought for the season, even to market and that 80 cents and \$1 were common figures. It really does look as though the day of low prices on fresh fish had gone by.

Yesterday, the 50 arrivals brought in a million pounds of fish and this morning 15 arrivals, with only two market boats among them, have about 800,000 pounds. Some of the trips this morning will also go to the cannery and smokers, who were offering \$2 and \$2.15 for the goods. The market boats, which had just a few cart loads of fish got \$3.05 for their haddock. Large cod went at \$4 for off-shores and a dollar better for shores, with hake at \$3 to \$5 and pollock \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Steamer Spray 70,000 haddock.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 65,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 1000 hake.

Steamer Foam.

Sch. Esperanto, 40,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Stiletto, 60,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Vanessa, 50,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 4000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 75,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Terra Nova, 70,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe 23,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 55,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Regina, 45,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

A. C. Newhall, 400 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Dixie, 2000 haddock, 3300 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.05 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$4.

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AMERICANS CANNOT BUY HERRING

Newfoundland Government Refuses Request of Its Own Citizens.

Latter to Lose Season's Work Because of Prohibitory Laws.

The Newfoundland government has decided not to give permission to American vessels to purchase herring in Fortune or Placentia Bays this season. Notice of this action was received here this morning by two of the large vessel concerns.

In connection with this decision, there is a very pretty tale and a true one. Along in November letters were received here by these concerns from men from whom they formerly secured their herring at both Placentia and Fortune bays, in the days when the Gloucester fleet tended their in winter, stating that the herring had come back to those places and were very plenty, and wanting to know if there was not some way for the American vessels to come there again for cargoes. They were very anxious to have the Americans come and buy the herring of them, otherwise they would have to sit still all winter and see their bays full of herring and not make a cent, as there was nobody else to sell them to.

In reply to these letters, the firms wrote that under the present state of affairs they were not allowed to send vessels to either Fortune or Placentia bays to buy herring, because of the Newfoundland laws, but that if there was any way they could send them,

with permission of the authorities, they would be glad to do so.

To these their correspondents replied that the coming of the American vessels would mean dollars and a season's work for them, and thought that perhaps their government might see its way clear to let them come, if permission was asked. They requested the firms to let the Newfoundland government know just the situation at Fortune Bay and Placentia Bay and request permission to come and buy herring cargoes.

Acting upon this request, the Newfoundland government was formally asked for permission to allow American vessels to go there and buy cargoes of herring, the request being sent December 30, accompanied by a statement of conditions as set forth by the correspondents of the concerns at those bays. Yesterday the telegram, as stated above, was received from the colonial secretary, notifying them that their request had been refused.

And so, with the waters at their very doors teeming with herring and no one to buy them, the Placentia Bay and Fortune Bay fishermen are obliged to sit still and see a good season's work pass by, just because their government will not allow the Americans, the only ones to whom they can sell their catches to any appreciable amount, come there and buy. And this while their fishing brethren on the west coast or treaty coast are making all kinds of money by shipping on and fishing for the American herring crafts there.

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Sailed on Haddock Trips.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie and sch. Matchless, which have been hauled up here for a month or more, as is their usual custom, sailed today to engage in winter haddocking.

Sch. Rhodora, via Boston.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Harriet, via Boston.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Georgiana, shore.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges, handling.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
Sch. Matchless, haddocking.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, Boston.
Sch. Dixie, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.
Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.
Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.
Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

Good Haddock Stocks.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Wallace Bruce, stocked \$1450 on her haddock trip at T wharf yesterday, the crew sharing \$29.
Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas stocked \$1300 on her haddock trip at T wharf yesterday, the crew sharing \$26.

For Fresh Halibuting.

Capt. Augustus Peterson will now fit sch. Rhodora for fresh halibuting. Capt. Charles Forbes, who has been market fishing in the Rhodora, will now shift over into sch. Georgia.

Fresh Halibut Stock.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr, stocked \$3680 as the result of her recent fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing \$86.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mystery arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Friday. She is going to Ingonish for a cargo of salted cod and haddock.

For Second Herring Cargo.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson was at North Sydney, C. B., on Friday, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., for a second cargo of herring.

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HOW IT APPEARS TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

What the Island Colony Hopes to Secure By Fishery Conference.

Speaking of the present visit of Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland to Washington and the conference this week regarding the present Newfoundland fishing regulations and the attempt to arrive at a working agreement satisfactory to this country and the island colony, the St. John's Chronicle says editorially:

"The first issue in dispute is that of the settlement of the pecuniary claims. In preparing their case for the Hague Tribunal, the Americans, following their contention that this colony had no right to levy light and harbor dues or customs duties on American fishing vessels, formulated a list of claims for the refund of money so collected, amounting in all to some \$40,000, and provision was made for the arbitrating of these claims.

"The premier will propose the abandonment by the Americans of this demand, because from 1893 until 1900, Newfoundland vessels had to pay light dues, and therefore American vessels,

by the Hague decision, would have to pay the same, so that much of the claim would thus fall to the ground, while the costs of an arbitration to recover the remainder, even if it were recoverable, would be considerably larger than the sum involved.

"The second issue to be determined is the reasonableness or otherwise of our fishery regulation and those of Canada, in so far as they apply to American fishermen. The Americans objected to many of the Newfoundland and Canadian fishery laws, customs laws, and other ordinances, and the tribunal provided that reasonableness of these should be decided by a subordinate tribunal, to which the United States should name one representative, and Great Britain another, the tribunal itself appointing Dr. P. T. Hoek, the Dutch Commissioner of Fisheries as the umpire or chairman.

"If this subordinate commission is called into existence and both sides have to submit their cases thereto, it will simply mean that the whole procedure of the Hague arbitration will have to be begun over again, and

another large amount paid therefor. Accordingly the proposal now is to endeavor to settle this by mutual arrangement at Washington.

"The most important of the questions arising under this matter are whether American fishing vessels can be prevented from Sunday fishing; whether they can be prohibited from using purse seines and other instruments, and whether they shall be bound by such fishery rules as the Newfoundland government may from time to time promulgate in accord with the demands of local conditions.

"It is difficult to forecast what may be the outcome of the conference which opens at Washington on next Monday: the only thing that can be said is that the interests of Newfoundland and Canada will be ably safeguarded by Sir Edward Morris and Sir Allan Aylesworth and that nothing will be done by them which will involve in any way an infringement of the rights of this colony or our sister dominion. Whether the Americans are prepared to effect an arrangement is more or less doubtful because of course the question of the expense does not affect them as it does us, but all will hope that the more friendly relations, which have been manifested of late between the two nations, will have the effect of contributing to a conciliatory policy."

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FISHERIES CONFERENCE OPENED.

NEWFOUNDLAND and UNITED STATES STATESMAN DISCUSSING REGULATIONS.

BOTH PARTIES APPEAR DESIROUS OF REACHING SETTLEMENT.

Under the recent award of The Hague tribunal interpreting the fisheries clauses of the treaty of 1818 between the United States and Great Britain, it was provided that while American fishermen had the right to fish off Treaty coasts of Newfoundland the Newfoundland government had the right to make reasonable regulations governing the taking of fish to apply equally to Americans and their own fishermen.

The tribunal also decided that the matter of determining the reasonableness and fairness of the present Newfoundland regulations should be decided by a commission consisting of two nationals and one neutral, and that future regulations made by Newfoundland must be submitted to the United States before going into effect, and in event of the United States objecting the regulation or regulations in question should go to the permanent mixed fishery commission, the appointment of which is provided for by the Hague award, and the decision of which board shall be final.

In the present case, the Newfoundland government does not like the idea of submitting its present regulations to a commission to pass on as to their reasonableness and fairness, and is anxious to see if some amicable fishing arrangement for the treaty coast can be arranged with the United States, without recourse to the commission.

Newfoundland found the United States ready to meet her on this matter and the present conference at Washington is the result.

The conference opened yesterday at the State department, between secretary Knox and Chandler P. Anderson, the counselor of the state department, representing the American government and Sir Edward Morris, the prime minister of Newfoundland, Sir Allan Aylesworth, the attorney general of

Canada, and Mr. Brodeur, the dominion minister of marine and fisheries.

The Principal Objections Raised to the Regulations.

A Washington despatch says there are several things which the Gloucester fishermen find vexatious, but the principal ones are the prohibition against Sunday fishing and the use of purse seines.

The Newfoundland law, which applies equally to Newfoundlanders, Canadians and Americans, makes it illegal for anyone to fish from the low tide nearest to 6 o'clock on Saturday evening until the high tide nearest to 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning, thus providing for an enforced period of rest of 36 hours. The American fishermen say that it is a great hardship on them.

The prohibition against Sunday fishing is defended by the Newfoundland government on the ground that it is a wise and humane regulation.

It was discovered many years ago, it is said, that the fish needed a closed season, because if they were fished over day after day they deserted the fishing grounds. One day in the month was taken as the day of rest, and quite naturally it fell on Sunday. Later it was found that one day was not sufficient and Sundays were struck off the calendar as working days.

The use of the purse seine by the Gloucester fishermen is objected to by the Newfoundlanders on the ground that it does great injury to the mass of fishermen by frightening the fish away and also because it is not considered fair play to scoop up the fish in a great bag.

The Gloucester men say the purpose of going to the fishing grounds is to catch fish, that the fish are no more frightened by the purse seine than any other net, and the sooner a vessel can be loaded with a full cargo of fish the sooner it can sail for its home port, dispose of its catch and fill up for a second time.

The time required to make a cargo is

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of less consequence to the Newfoundlanders than it is to the Gloucester men, as the former have no long voyage to make between the fishing grounds and the market, and can afford to be more leisurely in their operations.

Yesterday's discussion showed that both sides were anxious to reach an agreement, and it is believed this will be the outcome of the conference. Concessions will have to be made by both sides.

At the meeting no propositions were put forward by either side, but the temper of the negotiators showed that they wanted to end a vexatious dispute rather than have it drag along for months by another submission to the arbitration court.

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THE HERRING SITUATION.

CONDITIONS WILL CHANGE DAILY FROM NOW TO CLOSE OF THE SEASON.

Each day now, as the season draws to a close, sees some change in the herring situation on the treaty coast of Newfoundland.

At Bay of Islands yesterday, while no fish were reported in the Middle and North Arms, there was fair fishing in the Humber, which is open again.

The weather now is mild and no herring can be frozen until the next frost sets in, and when that will come is problematical.

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ONE GEORGESMAN HAS GOOD TRIP.

SCH. SENATOR SAULSBURY THE ONLY ARRIVAL WITH FISH AT THIS PORT.

The only arrival here during the night was sch. Senator Saulsbury, from a Georges headline trip with a good fare, 20,000 pounds of salt cod.

It is blowing hard from the southwest this morning. A number of the market boats went out during the night but will probably be putting back during the forenoon as it looks as though there would be no chance to fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, handlining, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Grayling, eastern deck handlining.

Sch. Valerie, haddocking.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Jeannette, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Margaret, Dillon, haddocking.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, haddocking.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

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Georges headline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

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YEAR'S ARRIVALS NUMBERED 6230.

MOST OF THE VESSELS AT THIS PORT LAST YEAR WERE AMERICAN SCHOONERS.

The arrival of vessels of all kinds at this harbor for the year 1910 averaged 17 daily, the total number for the year being 6230. The report of Boarding Officer Charles O'Brien of the custom house force shows that, as is to be expected, American schooners predominated. The arrivals in detail were as follows:

U. S. government steamers	49
American steamers	792
American tugs	151
American barges	127
American schooners	4937
American barks	3
British schooners	91
British steamers	7
Italian barks	4
Italian ships	1
British barges	2
Norwegian barks	1
From foreign ports	65

Total 6230

Capt. O'Brien, who is a painstaking official and much wrapped up in his work, comments on the fact that during the year many crafts sought the harbor for shelter and anchored under the protecting wing of the Dog Bar breakwater, thus almost daily proving the value of this granite arm at the mouth of the harbor.

The arrivals for the past year were the largest for several years, the total number in 1909 being 6086 and in 1908 being 5862.

Foreign Fish Trade.

The Fishing Gazette says of the salt fish trade in general:

The first week of the new year is always dull in the fish trade, as indeed it is in many other lines of industry. And yet there is an easy movement, which presages good business in the months to come. Considerable supplies of foreign herring arrived during the week but otherwise stocks are generally low at American consuming centers.

The representative of a leading New York house says that the supply of mackerel will probably be somewhat larger than it has been for the past few years, as a good many fish are yet to be shipped from Ireland and Norway; and they are the size for which there is a popular demand. Mackerel weighing from one pound to two are in light supply, as the North American fishery was practically a failure. The pack in Norway, however, was large, probably over 75,000 barrels; while the Irish pack is about 50,000 barrels. Over 30,000 barrels of the latter have been shipped to date. The fishing is now reported as poor.

Scotch herring are in good demand, but have been scarce, particularly the large fulls.

Consumption is reported as very good at Oporto, and stocks are much reduced.

The higher prices in the Mediterranean for Labrador fish are said to be due to the fact that the weather in France has prevented curing, and large contracts for delivery in November and December were not carried out. The curing places are said to be crowded with fish, and as soon as it can be shipped a drop in prices is looked for. Probably all the Labrador fish on the way will be sold before the French fish can interfere.

Lunenburg Fish Notes.

Sch. Jewel is loading 1200 quintals of fish at William Duff's for Halifax.

Sch. Stanley sailed for the West Indies on Thursday with fish and lumber shipped by Zwicker & Company, Limited.

The sailmakers' strike has been settled satisfactorily to both sides. The men will receive a slight increase in pay and the employers today gave notice that the price of sailmaking will be increased to seven cents a yard.

Sch. Lloyd-George is at wharf of Zwicker & Company, Limited, ready to sail with fish and lumber to the West Indies.

Sch. Lila B. Hirtle is loading fish at William Duff's for the West Indies.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish are scarce at Portland at the present time. The local fleet has either been tied up here or to the eastward because of the bad weather and unable to land the amount of fish usually brought in at this time of year.

After being tied up at Portland since last fall, the schooner Fannie Hayden is now fitting out to go shore fishing from this port. She will be in command of Capt. Ernest Doughty.